

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Cancelled)
2. (Currently amended) A composite article comprising a silicone rubber matrix reinforced with polyaramid textile, wherein said polyaramid textile is a weft insertion warp knit fabric having polyaramid weft and/or warp yarns, said polyaramid textile being bonded to said silicone rubber by means of a bonding composition, said bonding composition comprising an acryloxy organosilane, after said polyaramid textile has been activated with at least one of an epoxy compound and a plasma.
3. (Previously presented) A composite article according to claim 2 in which the polyaramid is a p-phenylene polyaramid.
4. (Previously presented) A composite article according to claim 2 in which said bonding composition further comprises an epoxy organosilane.
5. (Original) A composite article according to claim 4 in which said bonding composition further comprises a vinyl organosilane.
6. (Previously presented) A composite article according to claim 2 in which said organosilane is a trimethoxy silane.

7. (Previously presented) A composite article according to claim 2 in which said polyaramid textile comprises polyaramid single end or cabled cords.
8. (Cancelled)
9. (Currently amended) A process for manufacturing a polyaramid reinforced silicone rubber article comprising the steps of:
 - a) selecting a polyaramid textile, the polyaramid textile being a weft insertion warp knit fabric having polyaramid weft and/or warp yarns,
 - b) activating the polyaramid textile with at least one of an epoxy compound and a plasma,
 - c) dipping the polyaramid textile into an organosilane dip comprising acryloxy organosilane, and
 - d) bonding the dipped polyaramid textile to silicone rubber.
10. (Original) A process according to claim 9 wherein said organosilane dip further comprises an epoxy organosilane.
11. (Original) A process according to claim 9 wherein said organosilane dip is an aqueous dip.
12. (Currently amended) A process according to claim 9 in which the polyaramid textile is activated with an epoxy compound, such epoxy activation is being followed by plasma activation, which is, in turn, followed by the organosilane dipping step.

13. (Original) A process according to claim 12 in which said plasma activation comprises an air plasma.
14. (Original) A process according to claim 13 in which said plasma activation comprises an air plasma further including water as an aerosol.
15. (Original) A process according to claim 9 in which said organosilane dip further comprises an amino functional organosilane.
16. (Previously presented) A process according to claim 13 in which said plasma activation comprises an air plasma further including epoxy as an aerosol.